

INSTRUCTOR: Taylor, CharlesCLASS: Matting

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Supplies:

Tools and Definitions: More tools will be added all depending on your projects and requirement.

- **Mat board**, we will start with white mat board color and then on the second project we will add color. **I will bring** the white mat board for the 1st meeting and you can buy it at that time or you can bring your own.
- **Mat knife** refers to a hand held handle holding a heavy-duty blade. This is also use in cutting sheetrock. A very good mat cutter will cost about \$9.00 from Lowe's or Home Depot]. The best style is the one that is slightly curved so that it fits your hand.
- **Mat knife blades** refer to the heavy duty and very sharp blades specially made for the mat knife.
- **T-square** refers to either a metal straight edge with a cross bar at one end which will aid in keeping the straight edges straight when cutting your mat. Metal T-squares are the best and will hold up the longest. **Metal T-square** [38" to 42" long]. Do not buy the one with a plastic edge because it will nick easily and **do not** buy a sheet rock T-square.
- **Tape measure** refers to the metal style measure tape that retracts into its case.
- **Pencil** -- #2 standard school pencil.
- **Paper** for taking notes.
- **Mat cutting machine** for home use is important but only if you can afford it and if you are going to be cutting a lot of mats for your artwork. **There will be two mat cutting machines at the center that you can use during the class time.**
- **Glass cleaner and paper towels.**
- **Screw eyes for hanging your finished frame and plastic covered picture wire.** If you cannot find the plastic covered picture wire then you can buy some from me in class.
- **Wire cutters.**
- Sometimes you will need an **awl**.
- **Pliers.**
- **Masking Tape** 3/4 inch wide is fine.
- **Double sided tape.**

Be sure to bring several subjects that you are thinking about framing so we can talk about the best mat colors that will complement your subjects.

*Various tools for framing will be shown in class.